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BERKELEY WARD HAS RAPID GROWTH

THE BERKELEY WARD SUNDAY SCHOOL

HAVE YOU SOME TOOLS, OR MAYBE A TRUCK?

Tools are needed, many of them—shovels, forks, rakes, hoes, hammers, saws, axes, in fact any tools you have handy and are willing to donate to the cause; and if you have or know of a medium heavy truck, it could be used too. Just get in touch with the Stake work director, John G. Wimmer, TRinidad 1384, or William J. Nielsen, TRinidad 2173, and arrangements will be made to pick up whatever you have available to help in this cause of helping others to help themselves.

That is the cornerstone of the Security Program—helping others to help themselves. There is no place for idlers and no help for them, but for those able to work but unable to find work to do, every possible assistance is going to be rendered until they can be placed on their feet.

The responsibility for its own quorum members is placed squarely on each Priesthood quorum, and the officers thereof are being relieved of all other duties than to look after quorum welfare. Quorum projects of various sorts are being planned, some actually started. Prominent among these is the converting into truck gardens of vacant lots. It is to further these projects that tools and equipment are needed.

The Stake project is also rapidly getting into shape. By April 15 it is planned to begin tearing down and removing the materials from the buildings on the property recently purchased for the Alameda Ward chapel. These are to be taken to the east Oakland Security lot where a cottage, a building for canning and other activities, and sheds are to be erected. A light truck has already been donated and is being used in this work, but another and heavier vehicle is needed. Can someone help out?

Part of the east Oakland lot is to be used for gardening, part for raising chickens, part as a nursery for ornamental plants.

An integral part of the Security plan is payment of tithes and offerings to furnish the necessary wherewith. Read the statements of Church leaders in the editorial columns of this issue.

BUILDING OF BERKELEY CHAPEL IS A LANDMARK

That Berkeley Ward is currently reputed to have the largest Sunday morning service of any church in the city is due partly to the fine corps of Sunday School officers under the direction of Superintendent R. Kendall Thomas, partly to the beautiful and comfortable quarters.

It was not always thus so far as the quarters were concerned. It seems but yesterday to some of the older members of the Ward that they were travelling six to ten miles to get to the Oakland chapel. That was changed when Berkeley branch was organized in the auditorium of the Berkeley High School in 1925. Finding suitable quarters for services has always been a problem. Until 1928 all meetings were held in Armstrong School of Business. Then satisfactory arrangements were made with the owners of the Vasa Temple and the congregation moved there, to remain until the new chapel was complete.

From the beginning of the branch the vision of the leaders saw the desirability of having a home of their own; a building fund was cre-

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***"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."*—Mal. 3:1.**

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EDITORIAL

"There is an abundance in this world and to spare. The Lord has so said by revelation. Those of us who are fortunate should look to the unfortunate, for that is religion pure and undefiled. We ought to be willing to divide what we have, whether it be much or little, in order to prevent suffering among the children of men. This Gospel is one of love, of sacrifice, and of service, from beginning to end."

—Elder George F. Richards.

". . . I feel in my heart that we, as a people, have never had a better day to pay our debts than right now, and I have a feeling that we will have several good years to do that in. Somebody misquoted, or at least misconstrued, my appeal to the people in Arizona to store up food for the care of the poor, and had me saying that a great panic was right at our door. As far as this country is concerned I do not believe that. I believe there are several good years ahead of us here. Let us employ them to get out of debt. During the height of the depression I said in several places that then was a good time to borrow money, because you could not borrow very much, and no matter what you spent it for, it would be profitable. Now is a good time to pay our debts. Let us free ourselves, if we can consistently, now."

—Elder Melvin J. Ballard.

"We have undertaken a most stupendous work and there will be no difficulty whatever in carrying out that great work. We will have an abundance to take care of every living Latter-day Saint who is in distress. *Mind you, when I say Latter-day Saint, I mean Latter-day Saint. I am not talking about idlers.* I am not talking about people that want to lie down and let somebody else take care of them—*I am talking of Latter-day Saints.* If the people will pay their tithing and if they will keep the Word of Wisdom, and will actually, really, and for a fact, fast two meals once a month and give the equivalent, we will be able to carry forward our Security Plan without any trouble whatever."

—President Heber J. Grant.

"Wo unto you rich men, that will not give your substance to the poor, for your riches will canker your souls; and this shall be your lamentation in the day of visitation, and of judgment, and of indignation: The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved!

"Wo unto you poor men, whose hearts are not broken, whose spirits are not contrite, and whose bellies are not satisfied, and whose hands are not stayed from laying hold upon other men's goods, whose eyes are full of greediness, and who will not labor with your own hands!"

—*Doctrine and Covenants, 56:16-17.*

STAKE PRESIDENCY'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

"I the Lord, am bound when ye do what I say; but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise."

To attempt to embellish the straightforward language of this revelation would be to gild the lily. Since January 25, 1832, when it was received by the prophet Joseph Smith, these words have been before Latter-day Saints as an infallible guide to right living. They present to us a conception of the Diety as inspiring as it is simple, as noble as it is sensible.

Our Lord is not a fickle, capricious Being. He governs by law: He is governed by law. He achieved His greatness through obedience to law even as we, His children, may follow after Him.

". . . but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise."

It is a trait of human nature to seek Him more in times of trouble and distress than in times of peace and plenty. Like children, when all is well, we are inclined to irk at the rein of authority, to feel sufficient unto ourselves. But when confronted with the stark reality of our weakness in the face of adversity we are forced to realize our dependence upon a Higher Power.

Against such a day should we be prepared lest it arrive and we "have no promise." Are we remembering Him, that we may expect Him to remember us, doing His will, paying our tithes and offerings, keeping ourselves unspotted from the world?

Though we may help one another collectively, these are questions which we must individually face sooner or later, for we have our free agency and it is given to us to decide.

May we have the strength and courage to face these questions honestly and answer them in a way that will entitle us to the benefits of the promise, leading to both temporal security and eternal salvation is the earnest prayer of your brethren,

EUGENE HILTON,
W. GLENN HARMON,
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS.

MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND OWN WARD SERVICES

According to advices from the Presiding Bishop's office, members of wards are requested to attend services and be active in the wards in which they reside unless specially assigned to some other ward. There are no exceptions to this rule. The strength of the Church is in its wards and the strength of the wards is in their membership.

SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE TO BE ADDRESSED BY ELDER BALLARD

Elder Melvin J. Ballard of the Council of the Twelve has recently received and accepted an invitation from the Oakland American Legion to deliver the sermon at the annual Easter sunrise service sponsored by the Legion and held at Dimond Park, April 17. These services are non-denominational in their character, being participated in by all religious organizations. They have assumed a very great importance and are attended by thousands.

The Mormon Male Chorus has been asked to participate. This is the third consecutive year for them to appear on the program.

The visit of Elder Ballard coincides with the semi-annual Priesthood conference which will be under his direction. It will convene with a special Priesthood session Saturday evening, 7:30 at the Oakland chapel.

A special meeting is scheduled for Sunday morning at 9 a. m. at which members of the High Council, bishoprics, ward welfare workers, presidencies of Melchezidek Priesthood quorums, and the Melchezidek Priesthood committee are expected to be present. The purpose is to consider the Security program.

General sessions will convene as usual at the Oakland chapel at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. on Sunday.

The evening session, under the auspices of the M. I. A. will be held at the Berkeley chapel, 7 p. m.

MORMON MALE CHORUS TO PRESENT FORMAL CONCERT

Monday, April 25, the Mormon Male Chorus will present their first formal concert at the Oakland Women's City Club, 1428 Alice Street. On this occasion the chorus will be augmented by prominent guest soloists and a Junior male trio.

TEMPLE PILGRIMAGE TO TAKE IN APRIL CONFERENCE

Headed by President and Mrs. Eugene Hilton, the annual Temple pilgrimage from Oakland Stake will be in Salt Lake City in time to attend the sessions of the April Conference. Judging from the number of recommends signed from various wards a very pleasing representation from the Stake is expected to make the trip. President and Mrs. Hilton plan to enjoy a short vacation, visiting friends and relatives, and returning in time for the coming Stake conference.

ACHIEVEMENT

This month the Messenger salutes Miss Marianne Lindelof, a Junior girl of the Oakland Ward M. I. A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lindelof, who was chosen to represent in skating the St. Moritz Ice Club in the national novice ice skating competition recently held in Philadelphia. She won fourth place in the nation. Marianne spent three weeks in the East, visiting places of interest. She had the thrill of skating in Madison Square Gardens and the Rockefeller Center.

During the Pacific Coast senior competition, held in Oakland, she represented the St. Moritz Ice Club and won second place.

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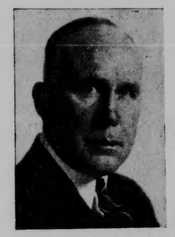

1st Branch President

With a record membership of 202, Berkeley Branch was created on November 22, 1925. In addition there were about 176 non-record members, largely students at University. These numbers have grown so that there are at present in excess of 800 recorded members and approximately 250 non-record members, mostly students. It is anticipated that before the year is out there will be close to 1000 recorded members. Berkeley Ward is now the largest in the Stake.

Berkeley's first and second Bishops

The branch organization was perfected in the auditorium of the Berkeley High School under the direction of David F. Haymore, president of the San Francisco District, California Mission, and W. Aird Macdonald, president of Oakland branch. J. Edward Johnson became first branch president, with Arthur H. Sconberg and Ray D. Nichols as counselors and Hugh P. Anderson, clerk. On September 12, 1926, William T. Hicken succeeded Elder Nichols, who moved to Utah; on February 20, 1927, Elder Hicken became first counselor and Francis R. Wilcox second counselor, Elder Sconberg having moved to Los Angeles.

Growth was rapid enough to justify creation of a Ward by the time San Francisco Stake was organized July 10, 1927. Elder Johnson became first counselor in the Stake presidency. The first Berkeley Ward bishopric was composed of Francis R. Wilcox, bishop; George W. Hickman and Phares W. Dunyon as counselors and Hugh P. Anderson, clerk. On May 20, 1928, the bishopric was reorganized, Elder Dunyon becoming bishop, with George W. Hickman and Denzel Allen as counselors. On December 9, 1928, Archie Hill succeeded Elder Allen, who moved to Utah; on July 14, 1929, Elder Hickman was honorably released and Archie Hill and Raymond L. Knight were sustained as counselors to Bishop Dunyon. They served until February 20, 1934, when they were honorably released and replaced with Reed S. Gardner and Francis R. Wilcox. These two counselors served with Bishop Dunyon until the completion of the chapel. Theodore Ruegg succeeded Hugh P. Anderson as clerk.

Former Ward Clerk

Assistant Ward Clerk

On January 19, 1935, the bishopric was again reorganized, Alma D. Ericksen being sustained as the new bishop, with Denzel Allen and Von T. Ellsworth as his counselors and George Hughes as Ward clerk. Elder Hughes was released December 31, 1937, and J. Oren Yorgason was sustained as Ward clerk with Edward Kane as assistant.

Present Bishop

First Counselor

The first Sunday school superintendency were George W. Hickman, J. Garfield Bastow and Francis R. Wilcox; the first Sunday school was held December 6, 1925, in the auditorium of Armstrong School of Business.

Second Counselor

Ward Clerk

Norman S. Fjelstedt, Ralph V. Sanford and Lester Hirst were the first Young Men's M. I. A. superintendency, and Josephine West Evans, Margaret Worley Sanford and Maurine Olsen as the first Young Women's presidency. The first M. I. A. meeting was a co-joint session January 3, 1926.

The Primary was first organized on January 31, 1926 with Lenore D. Hall as president and Nelle L. Macdonald and Sarah E. Banning as counselors.

The Relief Society was organized May 2, 1926, with Mamie Huish Johnson as president; Minnie Alice Hicken and Anna Rogers as counselors.

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BEHIND THE GRILL OF THE BERKELEY ORGAN

Containing nearly 700 individual pipes and a combination of more than two dozen different materials, the new organ recently installed in the Berkeley Chapel has much of interest besides the grand music it can make. Its pipes range all the way in length from ⅜ of an inch to 16 feet, and if laid end to end would make a line 5560 feet long, a distance of about eight average city blocks. The wire that has been used in the installation, considering that used in the small coils and springs, if tied end to end, would probably reach from New York to Berkeley and still have enough left over to wire a house. The large electrical cable alone measures more than 500 feet in length and inside its walls there are several smaller wires.

The instrument is a two-manual organ with two complete keyboards, 14 stops, 24 combination buttons, and 8 pedal combinations, making possible a very wide variety of tones and effects. If one cared to figure out the total number of possible tones, add 8 and 24, multiply by 695 and then remember that the product is but a part of the possible total.

In the small room at the front of the chapel which houses the instrument there is a combination of more than a dozen different raw materials—silver, brass, zinc, tin, lead, copper, steel, felt, leather, rubber cloth, pine wood, mahogany, birch and maple. This list does not take into consideration the materials which are contained in the small motors—two of them—whose function is to run the tremolos.

The air chamber is air-tight and sound-proof. It differs from outside space in that it has a slightly higher air pressure. The regulator or storage tank for the bellows is lined with sheepskin, making it airtight yet flexible, insuring uniform pressure with enough immediate air for the swell and to start the music. It is hooked up automatically with the power plant and as soon as any of it is used the stop is released and the supply from the power room begins to flow to the bellows. The power plant is housed in a small 8 by 12 room on the basement floor.

It is hard to believe that this great organ with its 695 pipes, all different and yet all connected up to the same air supply, is all run by a small one-and-one-half horsepower motor generating only about 10 volts. Most of the sound that is produced is done by the pipes resonating and amplifying the small sounds produced by the small amount of air which actually enters the pipes.

And it still remains a marvel how so many different pipes, all with an individual controlled switch, each with a valve or two, each valve with two coil springs, each spring with hundreds of feet of small wire, and with the air being forced through the supply pipes at the rate of about 600 cubic feet per minute—it still remains a marvel how all these pipes, pedals, keyboards and stops can all be manipulated, by one individual, the organist, to produce the most beautiful music made by man.

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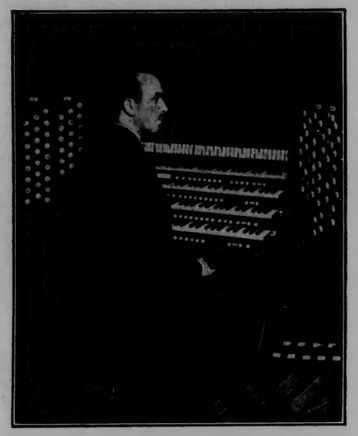

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Program

Invocation—I. B. BALL.

CHORALS—
a. "Awake, A Glorious Dawn Is Near" . . . . . From "Die Meistersinger" *Wagner*
Arranged by W. King Driggs
b. "Ode to Immortality" (Wordsworth) . . *W. King Driggs*

BERKELEY WARD CHOIR

W. King Driggs, Chorister; Karlton Driggs, Organist;
Grace Richards, Pianist.

ORGAN—
a. Sinfonia, "We Thank Thee Lord" . . . . . *Bach*
b. Toccata, "Adagio and Fugue" . . . . . *Bach*
c. Air, "Art Thou Near Me" . . . . . *Bach-Schreiner*

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VIOLIN—
a. "Adagio Espressione" . . . . *Joseph Gibbs* (1699-1788)
b. "Largo Sostenute, Andante" . . . . . *Joseph Gibbs*
c. "O Ye Mountains High and As the Dew" . . . .

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"Come, Come Ye Saints" . . . . . *Clayton*
Obligato . . . . . *Dorothy Dunyon Shattuck*
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ORGAN—
a. "First Sonata in G Minor"
"Praeludium Festivum"
"Scherzo" } . . . . . *Becker*
"Toccata"
b. "If I Were a Bird" . . . . . *Hensell-Schreiner*
c. "Hunting Horn Scherzo" . . . . . *Schreiner*
d. "Finale in D Major" . . . . . *Vierne*

Benediction—PRESIDENT CLYDE SUMMERHAYS

Notable Musical Event

As organist of the famous Mormon Tabernacle at Salt Lake City and organist and lecturer on music at the University of California at Los Angeles, Mr. Schreiner is recognized internationally as an artist of rare ability.

The late Professor John J. McClellan, who gained world renown for the great Tabernacle organ and for himself by his recitals, and at whose instance Mr. Schreiner was appointed to the Tabernacle staff of organists, said of him:

"He is a genius. Young Schreiner will make the world notice him, he is a born musician, and one who has been thoroughly equipped for a big future."

After Mr. Schreiner had studied two years in Paris, the eminent Henri Libert, organist at the Basilica of St. Denys, and Professor at the Paris Conservatory, paid him this tribute:

"He has constantly given proof of a taste, of an intelligence and of superior gifts that place him today in the first rank of concert organists. He is an artist who will do the greatest honor to his country."

In the newly installed pipe organ in the Berkeley Ward Chapel, Mr. Schreiner will have an exceptionally fine instrument on which to display his talent. It is the latest type of Austin organ, and one of the finest chapel organs in the East Bay region.

Dorothy Dunyon Shattuck is a gifted violinist and with the Berkeley choir under the direction of W. King Driggs gives diversity to a program which will be one of the season's outstanding musical events.

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BUILDING BERKELEY CHAPEL

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ated and added to from time to time. A lot was purchased at the corner of Vine and Walnut streets for $10,500. Then the depression set in. Prices dropped, people were out of work. Realization of the vision seemed further and further away. But there were those who argued that it was the ideal time to build. The building committee was reorganized with Alma D. Ericksen as its chairman. On October 6, 1934, ground was broken with appropriate ceremonies and work commenced in earnest. Six months later, on April 14, 1935, with the building in the last stages of completion, the "corner stone" was laid in which were placed historical documents of the time.

On Saturday evening, June 8, 1935, the building was used for the first time, the occasion being a concert; Sunday services were held there for the first time on the following day. The building itself was built, furnished and paid for in less than a year. On November 3, 1935, it was dedicated to the Lord in appropriate services under the direction of President Heber J. Grant.

The chapel, costing some $56,000.00, with furnishings costing $5,500.00 exclusive of the new pipe organ, is one of the best arranged, most parctical in the entire Church if not the most costly. It is a beautiful monument to the devotion of the many people who made it possible. Theodore G. Ruegg, for a long time ward clerk, was the architect and Fred Ebersole, superintended the building. The members of the building committee were Alma D. Ericksen, chairman, Bishop Phares W. Dunyon, F. R. Wilcox, Archie Hill, Reed S. Gardner and Denzel Allen.

The women of the ward contributed liberally of both time and money. Especially valuable was their good taste in the chapel's interior decoration.

With the installation of the new pipe organ the chapel stands complete, a fine piece of architecture in a city of fine buildings, and another unit in the growth and progress of the Church.

RECREATION TRAINING INSTITUTE

Oakland Stake is listed as one of the sponsors, along with other churches and civic organizations, of the Recreation Training Institute to be held on the U. C. campus, May 16 to June 10. It is conducted by the extension division of the university and the National Recreation Association. Its purpose is "to bring to the organization of leisure new inspiration; to establish high standards of excellence in recreation; to give board members and civic leaders a new understanding of present opportunities."

The institute offers, over a four-week period, courses in Arts and Crafts, Music, Nature Activities. Credit for completed work will be allowed by the university. Admission is open to all persons interested in recreation. Enrollment and entrance fees are nominal.

Full information and entrance application blanks may be obtained from Mrs. Mary Scott of the Stake M. I. A., or from the University campus.

HIGH COUNCIL MISSIONARY ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments of High Councilmen and missionaries for April have been cancelled by reason of the Conference sessions to be held on April 16 and 17.

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A QUEEN IS CROWNED

Pictured above is the coronation ceremony which was the highlight of the beautiful Gold and Green Ball of the M. I. A., held March 11. President Eugene Hilton seems to be enjoying himself in crowning lovely Miss Alta Brown of Richmond Ward, chosen Queen of the Ball by popular vote. The Queen's attendants, each a queen of her own Ward, are, left to right: The Misses Viola Lauper, Dimond; Minnie Gain, Oakland; Roberta Reinking, Hayward; Mary Stanley, Vallejo; Marguerite Marchant, Elmhurst; Berta Evanson, Martinez; Shirley Everett, Alameda; and Annetta Magneson, Berkeley. The flower girls are the Misses Gaye Dawn Hughes and Susan Filbrick. The crown bearer is Master Don Van Noy.

WARD TEACHER'S MESSAGE, APRIL, 1938

THE RESTORATION OF THE PRIESTHOOD

"And the Lord confirmed a priesthood also upon Aaron and his seed, throughout all their generations, which priesthood also continueth and abideth forever with the priesthood which is after the holiest order of God.

"And this greater priesthood administereth the gospel and holdeth the key of the mysteries of the kingdom, even the key of the knowledge of God.

"Therefore, in the ordinances thereof, the power of godliness is manifest.

"And without the ordinances thereof, and the authority of the priesthood, the power of godliness is 'not manifest unto men in the flesh'."—D. & C. 84:18-21.

Outstanding among the many events of far-reaching importance in the history of the Church is the restoration to the earth, in 1829, of the Holy Priesthood. Withdrawn because of abuses and misuse, the power and authority required to conduct the affairs of the Church of Jesus Christ on the earth, was restored as a necessary step in the reestablishment of the Church in the last days.

The 109th anniversary of the Restoration of the Priesthood, which occurs in May, should become the occasion for serious contemplation of the responsibility the Priesthood places upon the Church as a whole and upon each individual who bears it.

Holding religious power and authority, which every member holding the Priesthood does within his office and calling, implies worthiness, responsibility, dependability, and willingness to serve in the work of the Lord. It also implies a desire and obligation to keep the commandments given through those who direct the Priesthood. It should be the guide to happiness to all who hold it and to their families who share it with them.

Discuss with each family the responsibilities of the Priesthood and encourage the parents and the sons holding the Priesthood to perform active service therein.

NOTE—Ward Teachers are requested to discuss this important subject in the homes of the Saints on their visits during April and to encourage every member holding the Priesthood to magnify it to the best of his ability. Families of such members should also be encouraged to join in honoring and sustaining their husbands, brothers, fathers, and others who enjoy this precious and sacred gift. This anniversary should be made the occasion for special consideration of the blessings, privileges, and opportunities as well as the obligations of the Priesthood. Sections 20 and 107 of the D. & C. are recommended for study by teachers in preparation for visits.

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INSTITUTE, GIRLS' HOME NEEDS TO BE STUDIED

The Stake presidency has appointed a committee of five to study the needs and possibilities for the establishment in Oakland Stake of an Institute in connection with the University; and of a home for girls who are away from their families studying or working. This is in line with the general Church program to look after the welfare of its young folks. The committee consists of Mrs. Marie Thomas of Berkeley, Mrs. Helen Ream of Elmhurst, Wayne E. Mayhew of Oakland and I. B. Ball and John Soelberg of Berkeley.

WARD NEWS

KNOW YOUR WARD REPORTER

Ward news is an important factor in the Messenger and should contain the important happenings in all ward organizations. Each ward has a reporter whose name, address and telephone number appears each month at the masthead of the Messenger. The reporter should cover the important ward activities and contact the officers of the ward and auxiliaries each month; but ward officers should cooperate and keep the ward reporter informed as to the activities in which they participate.

This is YOUR paper, and the more ward items of interest it contains the more representative and interesting it will become. Get acquainted with and use your ward reporter!

PITTSBURGH BRANCH

An enjoyable evening was spent March 12 when most of the Branch membership called at the home of President Mellor to congratulate the new branch presidency which is President Francis M. Mellor, E. C. Hinckley and Scott Nelson, counselors, and Clerk Harold Mellor. The party was in the form of an open house. The wives of the presidency acting as hostesses. Delightful refreshments were served.

As a branch we are pleased with our new organization. President Mellor was very happy to note that 16 members represented the branch at the last Union meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kerby have been called to serve as Home Missionaries in the Oakland Stake. Mrs. Kerby is a returned missionary and both are very interested in this work.

Mrs. Paul Barrus who has been ill for some time is in the Stanford Lane Hospital for observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Robinson are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl, Wednesday, March 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith are the proud parents of a baby boy, born March 12.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carr were visitors at our Sunday School last Sunday.

OAKLAND

Mrs. J. F. Allred spent a few days visiting her daughter, Mildred, on her way home to Salt Lake City from the Hawaiian Islands.

The Shields family seem to be having their share of sprains this month. Ray sprained his ankle while playing basketball and Mrs. Shields fell down the front steps of the church after Sacrament meeting and sprained her ankle.

The men in the Senior Book of Mormon Club entertained the women at a dinner at Glenn Elliotts home. The men, with Axel Larson as chef, served dinner to 37 guests.

The ladies of the Relief Society have been very busy quilting, they are earning money to put towards a new piano.

The Sunday School Book of Mormon Class had a candy pull at the home of their teacher, James Kay.

The Gleaner Girls, on Monday night, March 21, sponsored a very successful fashion show and entertainment in the Oakland Amusement hall. The dresses were furnished by a wholesale house in San Francisco and were modeled by the Gleaner Girls.

Mary Jones had the misfortune of falling in her home and breaking her arm.

Rita Shields and Edward Kingsford have reported that the Oakland Ward has gone over 100 per cent in their Era subscriptions. Rita and Ed are to be complimented for their hard labor.

MARTINEZ

Bishop Abbott recently received word of the death of his mother in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. This is the second death in the Abbott family within three months, his father having died this winter.

The M. I. A. held a "Barn Dance" Saturday evening, March 5, which was well attended and everyone had a real good time.

After Mutual on March 16, we had a St. Patrick's party, and "pot-luck" lunch. Dancing and games were enjoyed by all.

The Relief Society presented the program in Sacrament meeting March 13. The feature was a one act play, "An Interesting Shut In," given by four members of the Relief Society.

The Beehive Girls of the Mutual presented the program Sunday evening, March 6, with Berta Evenson as leader.

Several couples from Martinez attended the Green and Gold Ball in Oakland on March 11.

The Relief Society recently held a food sale, the proceeds of which will go towards our building fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Robison, of Idaho, were recent visitors at the home of their brother, Glen Robison. Mr. and Mrs. Robison, father and mother of the boys, returned to Idaho with them, after having spent the winter in Martinez.

DIMOND

The Primary officers' and teachers' monthly meeting was held at the home of Superintendent Summerhays. Business being disposed of, it was turned into a social affair honoring two retiring teachers, Geniel Ginn and Sidna Lowe. Rose Clarke is being enthusiastically received as a new teacher.

Donna Phelps was recently sustained as assistant ward organist.

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers held their monthly meeting at the home of Leona Sprague.

The best attended affair of the year was the Relief Society birthday celebration on March 17. The first hour was devoted to a refreshing two-act comedy, which was written and staged by Ben. E. Young. The participants were offsprings of Relief Society members—Ralph Lauper, Curtis Bybee, Noreen Morgan, Parley Fish, Jr., Dorothy Jacobs, Naomi Kest, Joyce Van Noy, Joe Roy Hilton, Jerry Young, Evelyn Lowe and Ben Young. The remainder of the evening was spent in old fashioned dancing; many were in costume. Refreshments were served to nearly two hundred guests.

Clyde and Sarah Summerhays have just moved into their new home on Rawson Street.

The M. I. A. dance, Friday evening, March 25, was an enjoyable party with good music and unusual refreshments. Dorothy Kilner was in charge of arrangements.

The Dimond basket ball boys returned from Salt Lake, March 27; this is the third time they have participated in the finals. Every game was a close one—they lost in the finals to a Wyoming team. The members reported an enjoyable trip.

Libby Miller is convalescing at her home, following an illness of several weeks.

A surprise stork shower was given Thursday, March 24, at the home of Patricia Fish by a group of friends of Very Kneeshaw, a former member of the Ladies Chorus, who recently welcomed twin boys to her home. Each member was asked to suggest names for them in place of the present Tom and Jerry.

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HAYWARD

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wells were injured in an automobile accident the first part of the month. Mrs. Wells was confined to her bed for three weeks.

The Rummage Sale sponsored by the Relief Society and Young Women's Mutual was a success.

Mrs. Gertrude Lesser's mother, Mrs. Reid, has been visiting friends and relatives here for the last month. She was honored at several dinners.

Dr. Leo J. Parry sustained very painful injuries to his back and spine when he fell 10 feet off of a ladder. He will be confined to his home for about two weeks.

Elder Emmett J. Ellis has been sustained as second counselor to Elder William A. Millett in the Sunday School superintendency. Elder Bernard O. Stewart was released because of stake missionary labors.

Mrs. Bertha La Pray has been sustained as second counselor in the Relief Society presidency. This vacancy has never been filled before in the new Relief Society presidency.

Mrs. Sarah Johnston, and Harold and Lars Anderson were called home to Idaho because of the death of their mother.

NOTICE

A dance is being sponsored by the Sunday School and the Young Men's Mutual, April 8, in the Burbank School on lower B Street. Admission is 75 cents per couple. Extra ladies 25 cents. A fine orchestra has been obtained, so come out and really enjoy an evening. Proceeds will be applied to the building fund.

BERKELEY

The Relief Society held a dinner on March 17 to commemorate the anniversary of the organization of the Relief Society and to honor past presidents of the Church and Ward Relief Societies. Besides the dinner and dancing afterwards, entertainment consisted of a pageant, the reading being done by Louise Linton. Decorations were done in green and white, the Relief Society colors. Approximately 200 members enjoyed the evening's festivities.

The wedding of Kathryn Smith and Leon Baer took place in the Berkeley Ward chapel on March 12. Vocal solos were sung by the bride's aunt, Mrs. Carrie Moses, and Mrs. Jessie Lund. Roy Minson acted as best man, and Ruth Moses as bridesmaid, with Barbara Lee Smith as flower girl. The bride was beautifully dressed in white net, carrying a bouquet of gardenias. Mr. and Mrs. Baer will make their home in Berkeley.

March 3 and 4 were the dates of the all-organization carnival. Alfred E. Cardwell was general chairman. Among the features were movies, a wishing well, beauty parlor, candy, punch and many other features familiar to a bazaar. The proceeds went for the organ fund.

Friday, March 25, the Junior Gospel Doctrine class put on a fun-festival for the benefit of the organ. I. B. Ball and John Soelburg were in charge. The entertainment included a vaudeville, comedy motion pictures, and musical numbers. Jack Temple of Berkeley High School and Carl Robb of University High School, were guests on the program.

Mrs. Carrie Moses with her two daughters, Ruth and Carol Jean, former members of Berkeley Ward, and now of Los Angeles, made a short visit here to attend the wedding of her niece, Kathryn Smith.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:
To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark, of Crockett, a daughter, March 9.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Hickish, Martinez, a son, February 17.
To Mr. and Mrs. Max Robinson, Pittsburg, a daughter, March 16.
To Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith, Pittsburg, a son, March 12.

BLESSINGS:
Sherry Lyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maguire, March 6, Martinez.
Kendall Tolman Clayson, March 6, Alameda.
Doryalee Dee Merwine, March 6, Alameda.
Ronald Lyman Merwine, March 6, Alameda.
Norene McClellan, March 6, Hayward.
Naoma Caroline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson, March 6, Oakland.
Ronald Leon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orland Leroy Snarr, March 6, Oakland.
Elizabeth DeAnn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Colton, March 6, Oakland.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:
James R. Ellis, March 6, Hayward.
Patricia R. Petersen, March 6, Hayward.
Nina L. Stewart, March 6, Hayward.
Clark C. Ray, Jr., March 6, Hayward.
James L. Merwine, March 6, Alameda.
Mrs. Lena Myrtle Merwine, March 6, Alameda.
Mildred Delores Knowles, March 6, Alameda.
William Donald Irving, Oakland.
Richard Lorin Irving, Oakland.
Nathel Lorraine Wenberg, Oakland.

ORDINATIONS:
Warren Fjelstrom, Deacon, Oakland.
Wayne Mayhew Deacon, Oakland.
Kenneth Shields, Teacher, Oakland.
Marama Compton, Elder, Oakland.
Clark C. Ray, Priest, Hayward.
Kenneth A. Jensen, Priest, Alameda.
Robert Barber, Teacher, Martinez.

MARRIAGES:
Katheryn Smith and Leon Baer, Berkeley, March 12, at Berkeley Chapel.

ALAMEDA

The annual Relief Society party was given March 14, 1938, with 40 ladies in attendance. A song was rendered by Emma Targhetta. The story of the organization of the Relief Society was told by MaRee Meuter and a book report was given by Ruth Hilton. Refreshments followed to finish a very successful party.

We welcome "Gradma" Arletta Tuttle back into our midst after a long illness.

Mrs. Mary N. Clayson of Spanish Fork, Utah is here visiting her son, William N. Clayson.

H. Horman and family recently returned from a vacation in Southern California and Utah.

About 20 couples enjoyed a delightful surprise birthday party held for Bishop Crandall, the evening of his birthday, February 19.

The Relief Society ladies held their third Annual White Daisy party February 15. They told the names of their White Daisy for the preceding year, and each member drew a name to care for this year, to send remembrances on all special occasions and to cheer when sick.

Bishop and Mrs. Crandall had as guests during the month, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baer, from Salt Lake City, and Mrs. George Crossman and daughter. Helen from Los Angeles.

A birthday card was signed by all the members of the Adult class at Sunday School and sent to James H. Crockwell in celebration of his 84th birthday.

Mr. A. M. Swan of Salt Lake City is visiting with his daughter Mrs. Emma Targhetta at 1524 Chestnut Street, Alameda.

The Dinner-Dance held at the Scottish Rite Temple, on Washington's birthday was a delightful affair. The dinner was a huge success, and all who attended the dance spent a very enjoyable evening.

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